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# Once Upon a Time

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# The ENCHANTED HORSE



1. When a cunning Indian magician brought to the court of a Persian King an enchanted flying horse, they would not believe him. "Fly to yonder mountain and as proof you have been there, bring me back a palm leaf," said the King.

2. This the magician did, by touching a wooden peg on the neck of the horse. It flew away into the sky, and returned only a few minutes later, with the magician on its back, holding the palm leaf he had swiftly collected.



3. "Here I have the proof you asked for, O King," said the magician, showing him the branch from the palm tree on the mountain. "Now do you believe that this is an enchanted horse?"

"I do indeed," said the delighted King.

4. "What can I offer you for that flying horse?" went on the King. "I must possess such a rare animal!" Behind the King stood the amazed courtiers and Prince Frouz, who looked closely at the magician, not trusting him.



5. "In exchange for the Enchanted Horse I ask for a sum of gold," said the Indian magician. "But in addition, I want your daughter as my wife."

6. The King burned angrily away. "The sum of gold you can have," he said, "But you must not ask for the hand of my daughter in marriage." This did not surprise the magician. He smiled cunningly, for he knew that the King wanted the Enchanted Horse so much that he would agree to give up his most precious daughter in exchange.



7. However, Prince Fironz was not going to stand there and see his sweet sister headed over to the greedy magician, so he ran forward and leapt on to the back of the magic horse. "I will make that horrid man change his mind," he said.



8. By touching the wooden peg on the horse's neck, Prince Fironz sent it soaring into the sky. Down below him the King and the courtiers stood staring in surprise, and the magician waved his fist, shouting, "Bring back my horse!"



9. The daring young prince was soon flying higher and higher, becoming alarmed when he could not make the magic horse turn round. He pulled first one rein and then the other, but the Enchanted Horse still flew straight on and up.

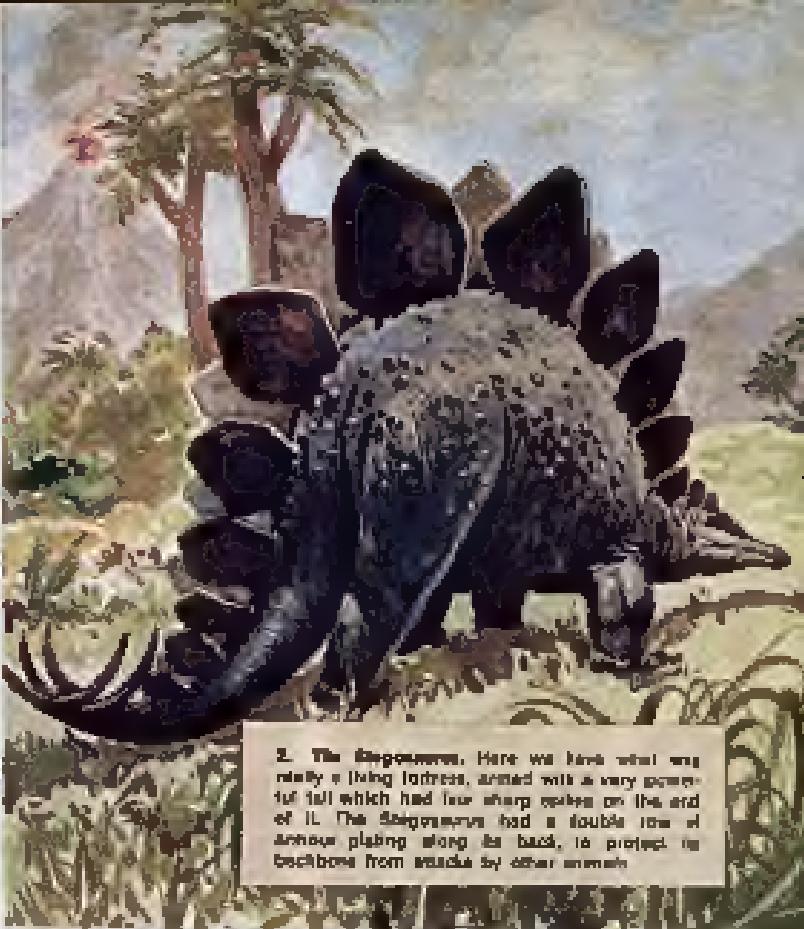
Next week: The Prince and the Enchanted Horse fly to a wonderful palace.



10. So great was the speed of the flying horse that Prince Fironz could hardly see out of his eyes. As he felt for the wooden knob and touched it the horse began to obey. It turned and a great eagle hurriedly got out of its way.



1. The **Tyrannosaurus**. This was the greatest of all the dinosaurs. It was bigger than any animal we have ever seen; it was twenty feet tall, and had teeth six inches long. Although it was a most terrifying animal, it was really a rather stupid creature.

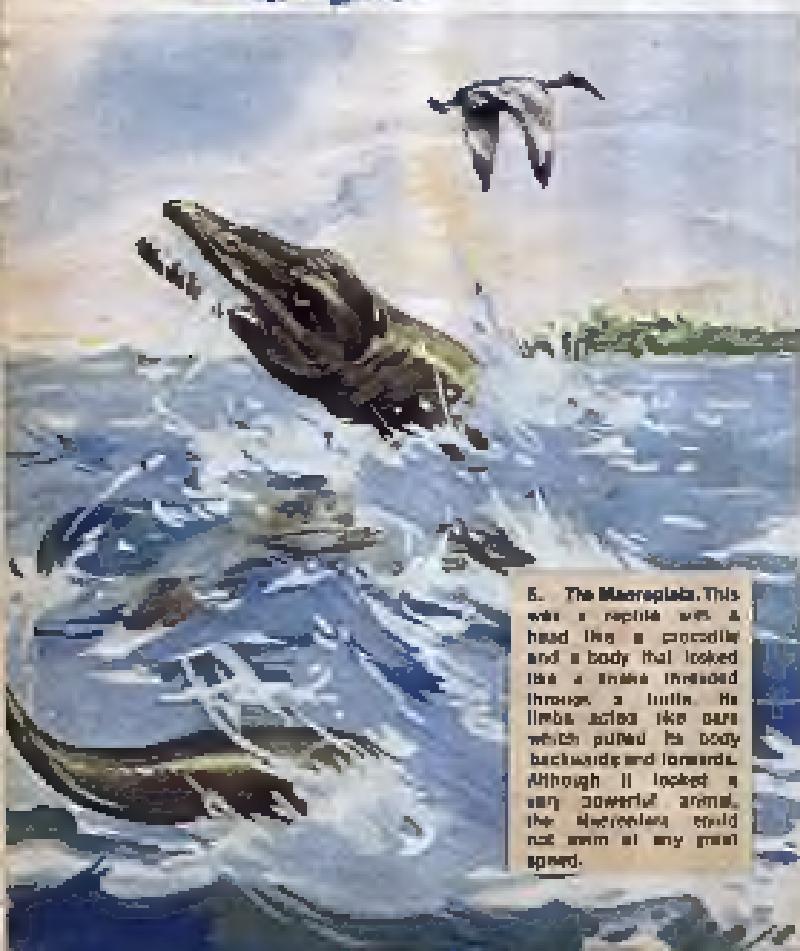


2. The **Stegosaurus**. Here we have what was really a living fortress, armed with a very powerful tail which had four sharp spikes on the end of it. The Stegosaurus had a double row of armour plating along its back, to protect its backbone from attack by other animals.



These are "Alienist" pages. In our language we have all sorts of words. "Prehistoric" is another way of saying "very long time ago"—millions of years, in fact.

## All Sorts of



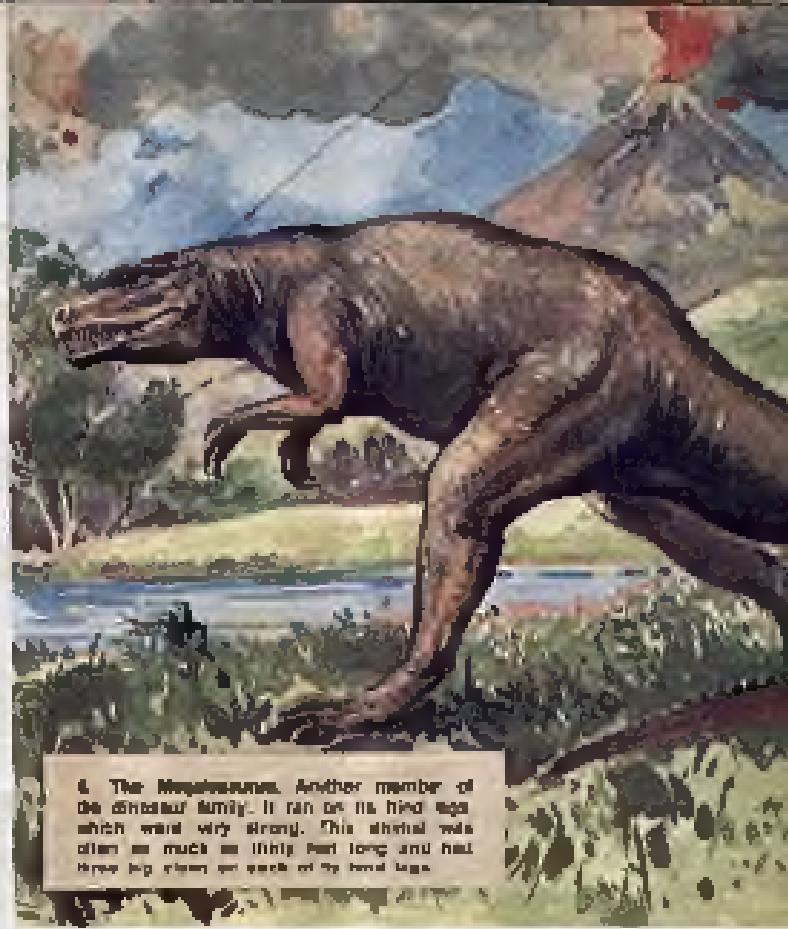
3. The **Macroplata**. This was a reptile with a head like a crocodile and a body that looked like a snake twisted through a tortoise. Its limbs acted like oars which pulled its body backwards and forwards. Although it looked a very powerful animal, the Macroplata could not swim at any great speed.



4. The **Basilisk**. There are some descendants of prehistoric animals still living in various parts of the world. One of these animals is called the basilisk. It lives in South America, feeding on leaves and plants.



3. The Iguanodon. Its name means iguanalooth, and its remains were discovered only a little over 150 years ago. The Iguanodon was not a meat-eater, it fed only on plants. When feeding or resting, it had the habit of pulling on its hind legs and tail, as you can see in the picture above. You cannot, of course, ever one alive today.



4. The Megalosaurus. Another member of the saurian family. It ran on its hind legs which were very strong. This animal was often as much as thirty feet long and had three big claws on each of its hind legs.

# Prehistoric Animals



5. The Tuatara. This is another survivor from those ancient days. The Tuatara is about two and a half feet long and lives on some small islands off New Zealand.



6. The Komodo dragon. It can pull its head in like a turtle. It lives in the Galapagos Islands in the Pacific Ocean. It is about five feet long and is a good swimmer. The Komodo dragon feeds entirely on mammals, which it finds growing on banks and on the sea-bed. It looks a lot like a Komodo dragon.



# BRER RABBIT

How Brer Rabbit succeeded in taking a dust. By Barbara Kaye.

**N**O! there was a time, back in the old days, when all the animals were very keen on calling on Miss Meadows and the girls.

Poor Miss Meadows and the girls didn't get any peace from one week's end to the other.

On Tuesday the animals would come calling and on Sunday they would come calling and on Friday they would come calling, just as they had on Tuesday.

If on a Monday Miss Meadows fixed a nice chicken pie, sure enough Brer Fox and Brer Bear would drop in and eat it all up.

If Miss Meadows had fixed a nice fryup of greens for Thursday, sure enough Brer Rabbit would slip in and eat it all.

You see, Miss Meadows was such a good cook and the girls were such jolly company that the animals just couldn't stay away.

But at last Miss Meadows was really tired of it all.

"It's just like keeping an hotel, with all these animals dropping in all the time," she said to the girls, "and I'm not doing it any longer."

So Miss Meadows and the girls arranged amongst themselves that the next time the animals came calling, a special game would be arranged,

"You can all come round next Saturday evening," Miss Meadows said to the animals. "Then we will go down the road a piece to where there is a big flint rock and whichever one of you can take a sledge-hammer and hit the rock and get dust out of it—he is the one who can go on coming round to my house to dinner. But those who don't raise any dust, needn't come round for free meals any more."

Of course, Miss Meadows knew that it was impossible to knock dust out of a flint rock, so she thought she was getting rid of her visitors for ever.

It all sounded a clever idea that must work.

But Miss Meadows had reckoned without Brer Rabbit.

While all the other animals were talking about how easily they could raise some silly old dust, Brer Rabbit crept away into the cool shade of an apple tree in a weed-patch and sat making his clever little brain work.

Then by and by, he leapt up into the air and cracked his heels together and snapped his fingers.

He had had an idea.

He rushed straight round to Brer Coon's house to borrow his slippers.

Then on Saturday evening, when Miss Meadows and Brer Coon and Brer Fox and Brer Wolf and Brer Bear were all by the big Flint rock—who should come shuffling round in the slippers, but old Brer Rabbit!

Brer Fox laughed and said that Brer Rabbit must have a lot of corns, if he had to wear slippers.

But then Brer Rabbit said he was so used to riding Brer Fox like a horse, that his feet had become soft that way.

And Brer Fox stopped laughing after that, because he was ashamed of the way he had been tricked into letting Brer Rabbit ride him.

Now the truth of the matter was that Brer Rabbit had put ashes into the slippers before he had put them on—and you will see why in a minute.

The arrangement was that each animal was to have three turns at hitting the flint rock with the sledge hammer and the first one to raise some dust, would be the winner.

Well, first Brer Fox tried—*BAM!*

But no dust came.

Then he tried again—*BAM!*

But no dust came.

Then he rubbed his hands together and gave a big swing with the hammer—*KER-BAM!*

But still no dust flew.

Then Brer Wolf had a try and Brer Bear and all the others, but still no dust flew.

Then it was the turn of cheeky Brer Rabbit.

He grabbed hold of the sledge hammer and lifted it up high. Then he leapt into the air and clicked his heels together and—*POW!*—he brought the sledge hammer down on to the rock.

And the dust flew everywhere!

It flew about so much that Brer Fox

and the other animals had a sneezing fit and Miss Meadows and the girls started coughing.

Three times Brer Rabbit jumped up and clicked his heels together and brought the sledge hammer down on the rock—*KER-BAM!*—and every time he shouted:

"Stand further back, ladies. Here comes the dust!"

And sure enough, every time, the dust came.

Of course, it was reallyish out of Brer Rabbit's sleeves, but Brer Rabbit was the only one who knew that.

So Brer Rabbit won the game and went on having free dinners at Miss Meadows'.

My, weren't the other animals jealous!

There will be another Brer Rabbit story week.



# A Day in the Country

Here's some fun with numbers. Try to answer the questions, then check with the answers given below.



A. Mummy Bear, Daddy Bear and the Little Bears take a car-ride to the country. How many bears are there?



B. They stop when they see some horses prancing in a field. How many horses can you count?



C. Then they wander on and watch some stately swans. How many swans are there?



D. Next, the Bears are delighted to see some calves in a field. How many calves can be seen?



E. On the way back to the car they try to catch butterflies. How many pretty butterflies are there?

Answers: 1=1 2=0 3=3 4=8 5=4

# The Great River Amazon



This huge area in the Northern part of South America is known as the Great Amazon Basin. It shows the many rivers which join to make up the mighty River Amazon, before it pours into the Atlantic Ocean.



The River Amazon is 4,000 miles long. It is the second longest river in the world, the River Nile in Africa being the longest. The Amazon is in South America, coloured red on the small map.



Do you know why it is called the River Amazon? Old Greek legends tell of a race of women warriors known as Amazons. Some Spanish explorers were the first men from Europe to discover the great river and were attacked by fierce natives dressed in grass skirts. They reminded the Spaniards of the Greek Amazons, and that is why they called it the River Amazon.



This story is a memory test. Read it carefully and then turn to page 16 and see if you can answer the questions about it that are printed there.

It is supper time on a summer day ninety years ago. The farmer has just come home from his long day's work in the fields. Hour after hour he has trudged behind his plough and his patient horse, and now he is ready for a good

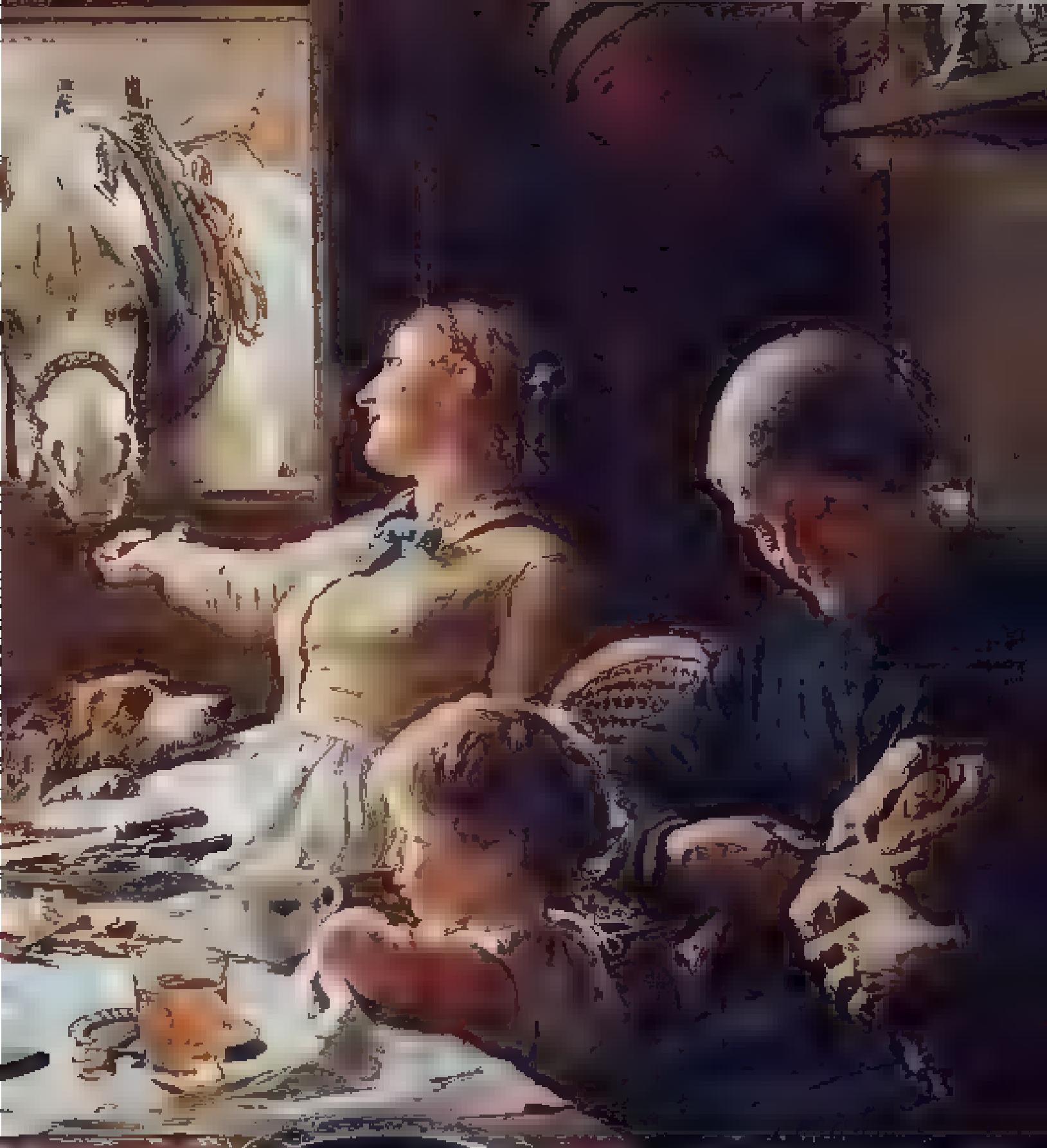
meal of steak-and-kidney pie. Can you see the pie on the table?

But Bessie, the old grey mare, is hungry too. She is waiting for her master to take her to her stable for the night. She knows that the kind farmer's wife always has a

piece of pie-crust for her to munch. For Bessie has served the farm for many years and is now like "one of the family".

The farmer's oldest daughter, who loves riding on Bessie's back, is also offering a little bit of pie-crust to the

## ONE OF



## THE FAMILY

old horse, but her brother is too hungry to stop eating and greet his four-legged friend.

Just look at grandmother. She knows that her son loves eating her home-made bread and she is cutting him a thick slice.

The beautiful picture, "One of the Family," was painted by Frederick G. Catman, and is reproduced by kind permission of the Walker Art Gallery, Liverpool.

Back in those far-off days, bread was often baked at home, and very good and tasty bread it was too.

Now take a good look at the picture and count how many flower-pots you can see on the mantelpiece, how many

plates, and how many milk jugs there are on the table. Can you remember how many flower-pots and milk jugs you have counted?

Now turn to the questions on page 18 and try to answer them.

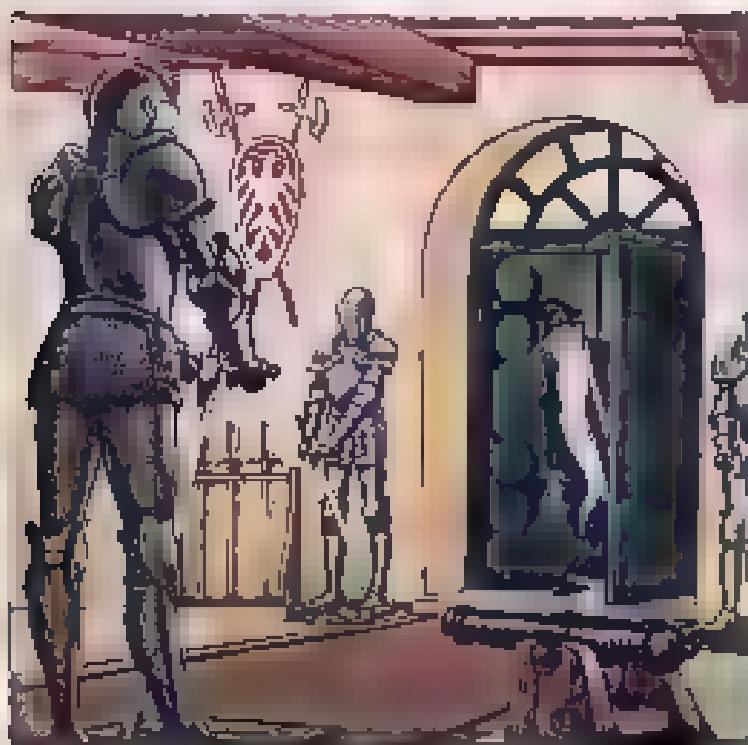
# The King who was Timid



1. Poor King Timothy had always tried so hard to be brave but it was never any use. Whenever danger threatened his heart would thump and his knees would knock. So it is not hard to imagine how he felt when he learned that the beautiful princess he was to marry had been captured by a fierce dragon and was waiting for King Timothy to rescue her.



2. The Royal Magician promised to make a magic sword with which King Timothy would be able to defeat any foe. But he was still a very good magician and although he went away and tried all the magic spells and magic words he knew nothing happened. He said the words again, backwards this time but still nothing happened. No magic sword appeared.



3. "Oh dear! What am I going to do?" wailed the Royal Magician. "Because the king is expecting a magic sword no one has sent a letter to the dragon, arranging to fight him tomorrow morning. So, because he didn't know what else to do, the magician crept into the Royal Armoury to find a sword to give to the king."



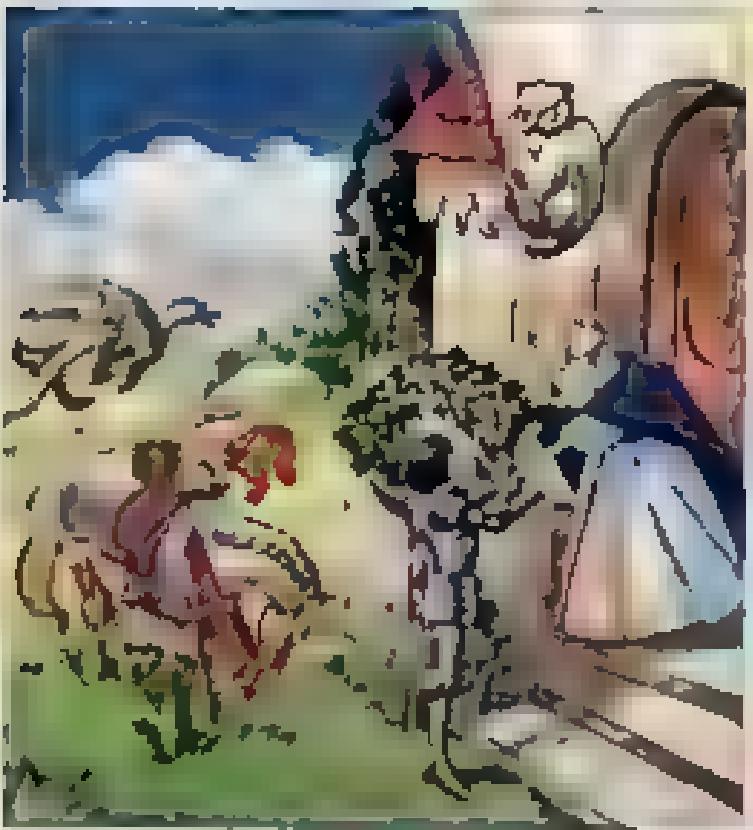
4. Early next morning the magician presented King Timothy with a shining bright sword, but he didn't tell him it was one he had taken from the armoury. Ah! The magic sword!" exclaimed King Timothy in delight. "It's lovely. Even now I believe that a man afraid with this can defeat any enemy."



3. The dragon had a castle not far away. He was quite a large dragon and when he saw King Timothy approaching, he drew his red fire breathing coils. Ah! Here's that cowardly King Timothy come to challenge me. He chuckled. This will teach you king. It was breathe a little fire all the same which had been away. And the dragon gave a roar.



4. King Timothy did feel a little apprehension when he saw the dragon came face to face and he thought how big the dragon was. But with the sword quivered by himself in his hand for the have nothing he had no reinforced himself. And so he gripped the sword more firmly and out about the dragon he breathes only long had ever seen so not scared of you you silly old dragon he said.



5. The dragon was very surprised. He began to scratch his belly. Brightened of him and after giving a few roars, he turned and ran away. He said as he had you, he'll never see him again from the castle. Timothy, when you're here, the god created like this. Please king.



6. Meanwhile the Royal treasurer had been looking very quiet and when king Timothy returned to confronted what he had done. So two were your dragons, he said as he saw it was a dragon even if at all. That's better still around the king. For now there can be known without any danger to bring me

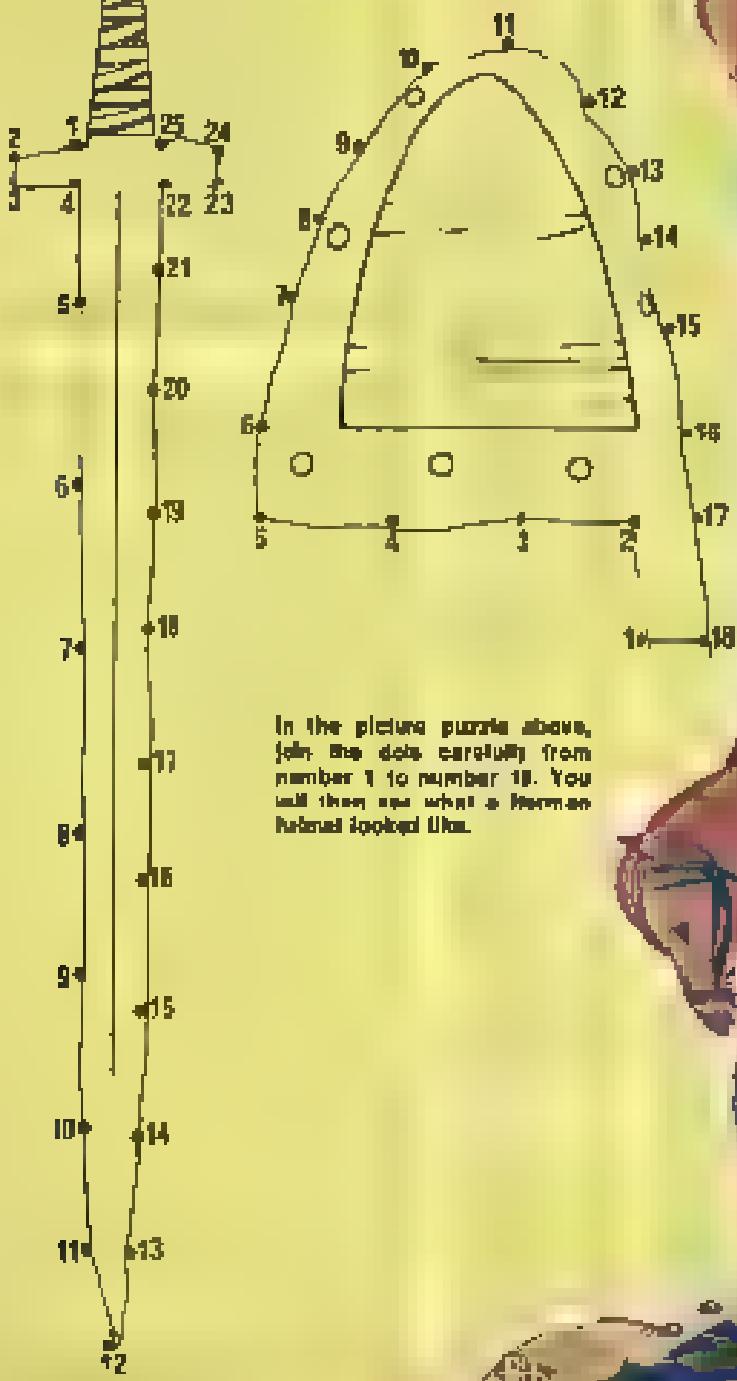
## **Beautiful Paintings**

Figure 11. A photograph of a black and white negative showing a portion of the right side of a large, irregularly shaped, light-colored rock. The rock has a rough, pitted surface with several small, dark, circular depressions. In the background, there are more rocks and some sparse vegetation.

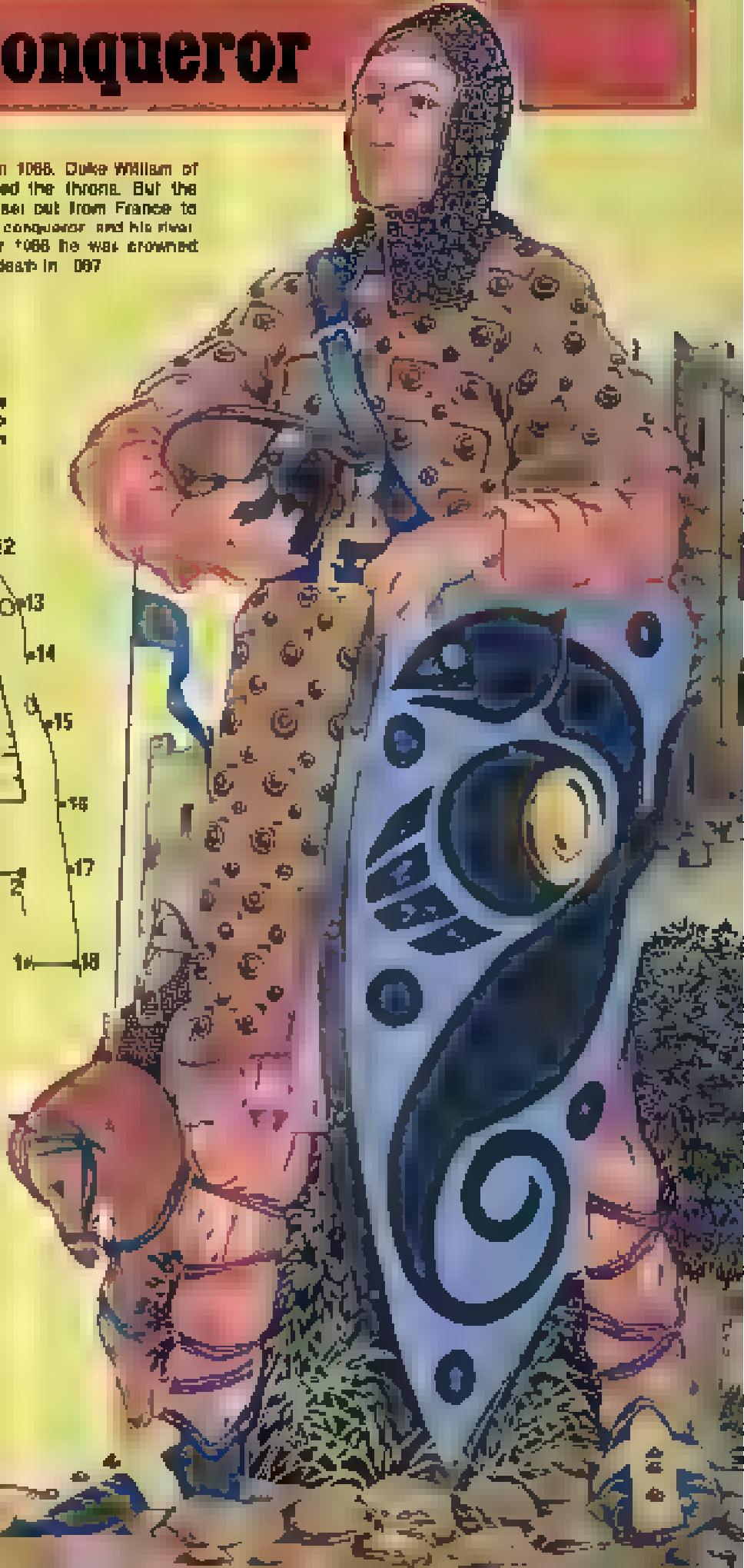
# William the Conqueror

When Edward the Confessor, King of England, died in 1066, Duke William of Normandy in France, said that he had been promised the throne. But the English people elected Harold as their King. William set out from France to invade England and in the Battle of Hastings he was the conqueror and his rival King Harold was killed. On Christmas Day of the year 1066 he was crowned King William the First and ruled for 21 years, until his death in 1087.

By joining the dots of the till puzzle picture on the left, from number 1 to number 25, you will draw a Norman sword.



In the picture puzzle above, join the dots carefully from number 1 to number 19. You will then see what a Norman helmet looked like.





# The Town House and the Country House

The right of the Old Guard, the frontier division

back to town mean—your clothes are all very well for a country bumpkin—I mean a quiet girl—like you, but it just wouldn't do for me to be seen in the clothes you wear—people might think I was dull—I mean quiet—too.

It was lucky that ~~Stephanie~~ was so good-natured. She always forgave Stephanie for the weekend.

By noon we had reached the gardens of the Old Orange

A wide gravel drive 100' across  
with round marble pillars.

This is the way to live  
righted Stephens in admiration

Then she went on "Migel, you blockhead! Why haven't you thought thought to live like this. Instead of having that silly girl here young in town?"

Na yep [ə̃d̩ʃɛp] Na m̩p yel̩ʃɛp yep  
Na yep [ə̃d̩ʃɛp] Na m̩p yel̩ʃɛp yep

and you hated life in the country

and go as far as the end term to support  
them in their right. The way of God is  
certainly good and it is good to see  
such a shock to Wimfield's—erry, Wimfrest-  
on's—right.

The subsequent course of events is best seen by referring to the main stages of the **Crusade**.

**WOP! WOP! WHOPPETTYWOP!**  
Bomperoo makes a noise & starts with the  
door knocker.

For a moment there was silence. Then the young boy I have right now began singing "Jesus the Fisherman".

They were to meet again and Remond  
arrived just after the three young ladies had  
left. He stopped a handsome young fellow,  
and a girl before me.

"Oho--he ho," said the sky boy.  
He was the sky boy.

"Well, yes," said Stephenie, who was

cleaned and returned, as soon as possible—and cleaned by the best cleaners.

The shy boy smiled. "I say what very  
bad luck!" he said. "Of course I will do  
my best to help you. I'm sorry I can't  
invite you into my house. It isn't con-  
venient. Just at the moment Mrs. Cabbage,  
the gardener's wife, down at the  
lodge, will be only too pleased if I find  
you some clothes. I will go down there  
and see what I can do."

Whitfield, who was also very shy, thought that was a good idea. She knew she would feel much more at home chafing with Mrs. Cabbages in her cosy cottage, than going into the grand big houses

But the gardener's cottage wasn't good enough for Stephenne

"I don't think you quite understand, dear" she said, stepping slowly towards the door of the Old Grange. "I am a very smart modern town mouse. The best dressed mouse in the district. Now think again, sonny. Are you sure you want to open the Mrs. Gobblepot's case-book?"

Stephanie was getting into a temper again. You see

"The shy boy blushed!  
"Oh dear I've upset you! We guessed  
I do understand that you are a first-class  
mouser, silly I do. And I will fetch you  
some of our best clothes at once. But  
whatever you do, don't come into the  
house. Haven't let anyone come in. Just  
don't!"

With that the tiny boy went off to find his mother.

...the *Spicilegium* described and having  
located at each object.

**How much time?"** Many said

How about the Old Romeo now?

Here are the questions about the "One of the 5 mostly worn or broken at one time by someone else." Then read all the story and picture again to see if you might need.

- 3 How many houses do you have?  
4 How many cars do you have?  
5 How many children do you have?  
6 How many brothers do you have?  
7 How many sisters do you have?



# JACK AND THE BEANSTALK



1. After climbing the great beanstalk which grew in his garden Jack reached a house where a wicked giant lived. Just as the giant's wife was giving Jack some breakfast they heard the giant returning. "He mustn't find you," quivered the giant's wife. "Where can I hide you? I know I into the oven with you."



2. The house shook as the giant stamped in. He snarled the air. "Fee-FIFo-Fum," he growled. "I smell the blood of an Englishman. Be he alive, or be he dead, I'll have his bones to grind my bread." "Nonsense, dear," his wife told him. "It's your breakfast you can smell. Sit you down at the table."

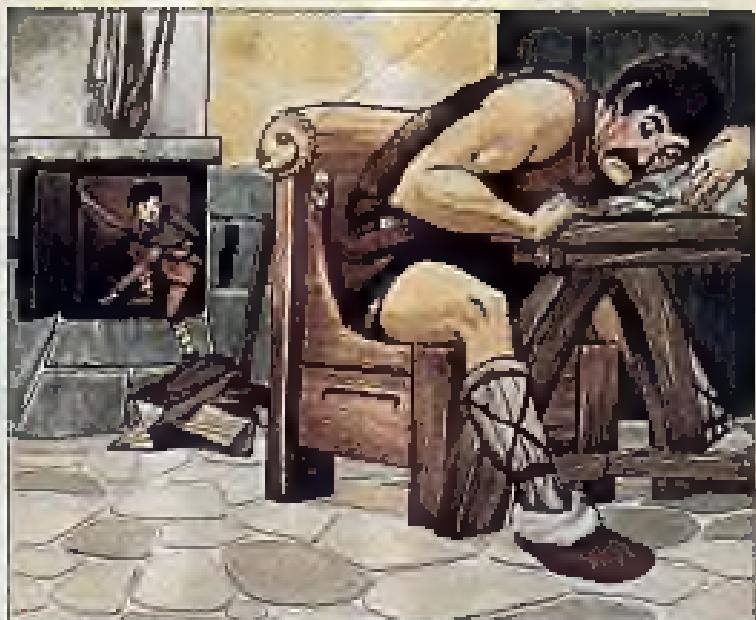


3. When he heard all this Jack was so scared that his heart went thump! thump! thump! in his chest. The oven door was slightly open and Jack pushed it open a little more and watched the huge giant sit down and eat his breakfast.

4. And what an appetite the giant had! Ten whole roast turkeys and four loaves of bread were placed in front of him and when he was finished there was nothing left. "Stay out of sight," the giant's wife whispered warningly to Jack.



5. When breakfast was over the giant fetched several bags of gold from a big chest. He emptied some of the golden coins on to the table and began to count them. One . . . two . . . three . . .



6. The giant's head began to nod, his eyes closed and then a loud snore came from him. "He's asleep!" said Jack. And as quietly as he could Jack let himself out of the oven.



7. The giant's snores grew louder and louder until Jack's arm ached and the whole room shook. "He really is fast asleep," Jack decided. "What a noise he is making."

8. Feeling sure that the giant would not wake, Jack climbed up to the table top and gently pulled the smallest bag of gold from beneath the giant's big hand.



9. Away Jack scampered with the bag of gold tucked under his arm. Out of the big house, along the broad road he ran, never stopping until the top of the magic beanstalk came in sight.



10. He dropped the bag down through the hole where the tip of the beanstalk passed through the sky. "The beanstalk grows from my garden," he said. "So the bag should land beneath my window."

Jack has not seen or heard the last of the wicked giant, as you will find next week.



# The WISE OLD OWL

## Knows all the answers



The Wise Old Owl knows all the answers to the interesting questions asked by children.

1. What is an athlete?

"An athlete is someone who has been specially trained to be good at some form of sport. To be an athlete you have to be very fit and strong, and that means you need plenty of sleep and hard exercise. The best athletes in the world gather together to compete in the Olympic Games, held in Mexico City in 1968. The next Olympic Games are due to be held in Munich in 1972. The Games are held every four years, and even now athletes are training hard for the great event."



2. What is the meaning of the word barricade?

"Sometimes, when people are defending themselves against an enemy, they collect everything they can, such as old carts, furniture and boxes. With these they make a barrier across the street to keep their enemies back. This kind of barrier is called a barricade."



3. What is a stampede?

"If a herd of cattle or horses is suddenly frightened, they may all run away in a panic. This is called a stampede."

4. What is a coxswain?

"Coxswain is a man who steers a boat. If he is on a lifeboat, he is also the captain of the crew. Usually he is the most experienced man aboard. The word coxswain used to mean the servant of a deckboat, or small boat. That is where the word came from. Say it 'coxum'."



5. What is a gladiator?

"A gladiator was a man trained to entertain the people of ancient Rome, in Italy, by fighting against another gladiator."